

8. (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein the filtered power determining signal has at least one pulse that corresponds in direction to a direction of a change in power derived from the power determining signal.

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9. (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein the at least one high-pass filter includes first and second high-pass filters connected in parallel.

10. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein signals of at least one of  
i) both the first and second high-pass filters, and  
ii) the low-pass filter  
are phase-shifted relative to one another.

11. (New) A device for controlling a drive unit of a vehicle having an actuator element for influencing power provided to the drive unit, comprising:  
a quantity input determining unit for determining a power-determining signal from a position of an operating element; and  
a filter unit coupled to the quantity input determining unit, the filter unit including at least one high-pass filter and one low-pass filter connected in parallel, the filter unit filtering the power-determining signal output from the quantity input determining unit,  
wherein the actuator element is controlled as a function of the filtered power-determining signal.

12. (New) The device according to claim 11, wherein the filtered power-determining signal has at least one pulse that corresponds in direction to a direction of a change in power derived from the power-determining signal.

#### Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment cancels without prejudice original claims 1 to 6 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE01/01411, and adds new claims 7 to 12. The new claims conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), the Substitute Specification includes the Abstract and contains no new matter. The amendments reflected in the Substitute